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Wishes to thank its many patrons for the royal good will and patronage so generously shown during the last few months.

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A special car will be run from Ypsilanti at 8:45 a. m. on the arrival of the opera car from Detroit, for special parties of ten or more, on short notice and without extra charge.

Weigh your coal on the city scales. Rear of Curtis Shop.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

Report of a Skirmish in Which the Boers Appear the Heaviest Losers.

BIG GUN LET LOOSE ON LADYSMITH

British, However, Do Not Reply—Interest of the War Now Centered in Newspaper Stories About a British-German "Divvy" of Portuguese Possessions in Africa—German Editors Criticize British Generalship and Plan a Settlement Satisfactory to the Teuton.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Dec. 29.—A heavy Boer gun on Bulwhana hill fired steadily upon Ladysmith throughout the morning. Ladysmith did not respond. The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve their trenches facing General Buller the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the hills. The British patrols sighted the enemy in force on the extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

A Berlin Press Sensation.
Berlin, Dec. 29.—Regarding the statement by The Lokal Anzeiger that a secret Anglo-German-Portuguese treaty exists for the division of the Portuguese colonies in South Africa, the correspondent of the Associated Press is able to assert on the highest authority that the story is a pure fiction, and in all its claims without foundation in fact. The high official who authorizes this denial made the following declaration: "There is no objection to stating that the understanding had by Great Britain, Germany and Portugal refers only to Africa and leaves Asia wholly out of the account. It is quite certain, however, that Germany under no consideration would conclude such a bargain with Portugal as The Lokal Anzeiger sets forth. Any one with the slightest political sense ought to see that these tiny enclaves in the midst of British India are the last colonial possessions Germany would dream of."

Grain of Truth in the Story.
London, Dec. 29.—The St. James Gazette, in an editorial on the reported treaty, says it is "a mere patchwork of previous reports, some partly true and some entirely false." The probable truth is that the Portuguese possessions in Africa, north and south of the Zambesi, will ultimately be leased to Great Britain and Germany respectively.

Has an Option on Delagoa Bay.
Washington, Dec. 29.—Nothing is known here of the reported intention of Great Britain and Germany to partition Portuguese East Africa between them, Great Britain taking the country around Delagoa Bay and southward and Germany the northern half of the territory which adjoins the German East African possessions. The officials here attach no credence to the story because the old rumor of a secret treaty between England and Portugal, whereby the former might for a proper consideration possess itself of Delagoa Bay, whenever the place is needed for military purposes, has always been credited to some extent here, and if such treaty really exists, there would be no need for Germany's participation as reported.

GERMAN PRESS WAR COMMENTS.

Criticism of British Tactics and a Proposed Solution of the Trouble.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The German press continues to comment upon the war in South Africa. The Militar-Wochenblatt, the military organ, contains a severe criticism by a high officer in which the writer claims that hitherto Boers, both leaders and men, have proved far more efficient in every way than the British. The National Zeitung publishes a similarly severe article. The Kreuz Zeitung says editorially: "The best solution for Germany would be a peace guaranteeing the Boers their independence and securing the future, that is, creating a state whose frontier touches the sea in order to enable it to adapt itself to the new times upon which Africa is entering. That must be the policy of the Boers. We do not desire the British to be wholly expelled from Africa, but we do not see the necessity for making the entire African continent British. The ideas of Cecil Rhodes will split upon the rock of Boer courage."

Washington, Dec. 29.—The case of Consul Charles E. Macrum, the United States representative at Pretoria, who insisted on being relieved at the time the South African crisis became most acute, is assuming additional importance as Macrum nears home. The understanding at the state department is that he is not coming by way of the English ports, but is on a German ship which comes through the Mediterranean and thence direct to this country, the trip taking about six weeks from Dec. 18, the date of his sailing from Lourenco Marques. In the present aspect of the case there is little doubt that unless the consul presents ample explanation for his course he will not continue in the consular service.

Mrs. Eddy's Enemy Fined.
Boston, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Josephine Woodbury was adjudged guilty of contempt of court by Judge Bailey in the superior court here yesterday in connection with the case brought against her by Mrs. Eddy, head of the Christian Science society, for alleged criminal libel. Mrs. Woodbury was fined \$50, which she paid.

Canadian Parliament to Convene.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—At a cabinet meeting yesterday afternoon it was decided to summon parliament. The date was not given out, but it will be about the last of January or the first week in February.

Big Liabilities, Small Assets.
Chicago, Dec. 29.—Henry L. Mills, of this city, who was formerly connected with several large firms in Boston, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, in which he schedules liabilities aggregating \$768,891; assets, \$10,000.

Sawmill Destroyed by Fire.
Greencastle, Ind., Dec. 29.—Charles H. Barnaby's hardwood sawmill was destroyed by fire Tuesday night; loss, \$10,000. The insurance is \$5,000.

WILL OF DANIEL SHARP FORD.

An Estate of About \$2,500,000 Given Principally to the Baptist Church.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 29.—The will of the late Daniel Sharp Ford, publisher of The Youths' Companion field for probate in the Middlesex county probate court, disposes of an estate of about \$2,500,000. The will gives \$77,000 direct to public charitable and religious institutions mostly in Massachusetts and provides annuities for others.

The will also bequeaths \$350,000 to the Baptist Social union, subject to conditions, among them, that it shall become a corporation within two years after the testator's death. This sum is to be used for the erection of a building for the use of the union. The Youths' Companion plant, with certain real estate is left to the executors, to be administered for the benefit of the Baptist Social union. Of the residue one-sixth goes to the American Baptist Home Mission union, and one-ninth each to several other New England charities.

Negro Kills a Sheriff and Is Killed.

Monticello, Fla., Dec. 29.—Will Gorman, a negro, shot and instantly killed Sheriff T. B. Simpkins yesterday at the Seury place, six miles north of town. Gorman was wanted for murder and Simpkins and a posse went to arrest him. They closed in on the cabin in which the negro was concealed. As Simpkins pushed open the door Gorman shot him twice in the breast. The murderer escaped from the rear door, but was shot down and killed.

Cornish's Physician Testifies.

New York, Dec. 29.—The prosecution in the Roland B. Mollieux poisoning case finished temporarily with the writing experts who have held the stand for six weeks. Dr. Phillips, the physician who attended H. S. Cornish and H. C. Barnett, both of whom were poisoned at different times, testified that Cornish suffered from the same irritant poison which earlier had killed Barnett.

Case of John Reese Postponed.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.—Postponed John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, has received a telegram from Topeka, Kans., saying that the case of Executive Board Member John Reese in habeas corpus proceedings has been postponed until Jan. 4, when he will have a hearing in the United States court at St. Louis.

Always Ahead in Quality—Never in Price.

THE LITTLE STORE That's JABE'S

Now that CHRISTMAS trade is over, and the fussing about "gew gaws" is done, let us turn our attention to the more substantial articles of wearing apparel, such as

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Men's and Boys'.

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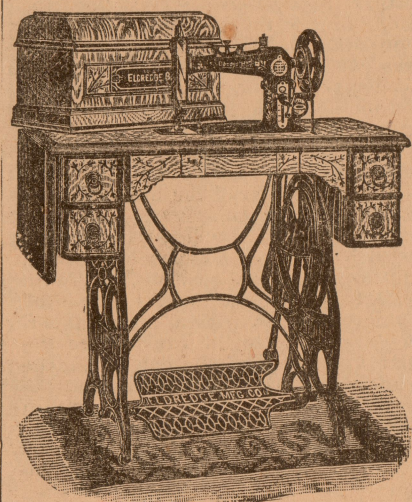
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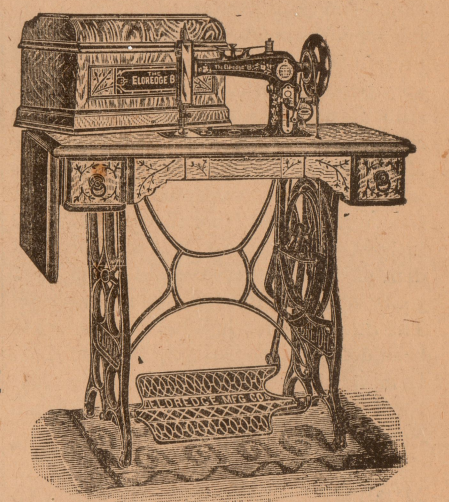
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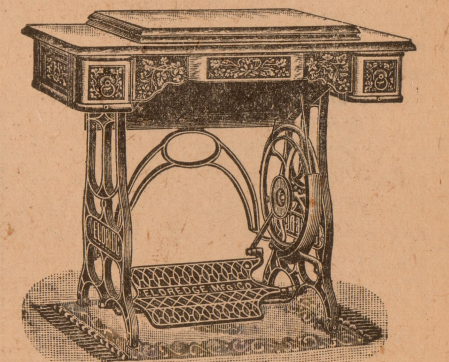
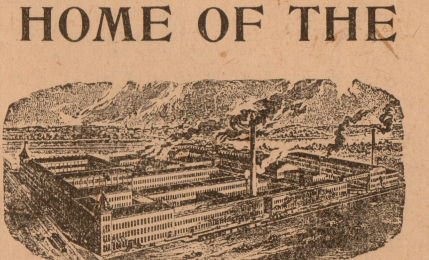
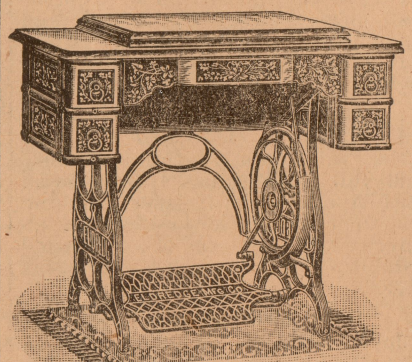
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A SPICY TRIAL.

Ben Mummery Accused of Stealing \$25 in the Day Time.

But Lawyer Webb is Trying to Prove That the Witness on the Stand is a Guilty Party.

As we go to press the trial of Benjamin Mummery, of Ann Arbor, is on at Justice Joslyn's office. Mummery is charged with the larceny of \$25 from Roy E. Smith, of Whittaker's Corners, on Dec. 21. Anna Smith is on the witness stand, and Lawyer Webb is devoting much time in regard to pumping her in regard to an elopement scheme, which he claims was concocted by the witness and one Nelson Hogan, of Whittaker's Corners. According to Lawyer Webb the money was stolen by either the witness or her lover, and with it they were to skip to Canada and be united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Lawyer Webb is also endeavoring to show that the girl's parents got onto the little racket and caught her at Ypsilanti and took her home, and that Hogan bought new clothes and champagne with the money.

Attorney Clark is prosecuting. LATER.—At 3:30 Lawyer Webb and Miss Smith's father are having it out with Attorney Kirk objecting to every question, and Judge Joslyn sustaining the objections. The justice grows wrathful and threatens Bro. Webb with a fine. The trial will be finished tomorrow morning.

GRAWN TO GO TO MT. PLEASANT.

The Superintendent of The State Normal Training School Has Been Elected Principal of The Central Normal.

He Succeeds Chas. McKenney, Who Has Been Called to Milwaukee.

Charles T. Grawn, director of the Normal training school, has been elected principal of the Central Normal school at Mt. Pleasant, to succeed Charles McKenney, resigned. Mr. Grawn will assume the duties of his new position at the end of the second quarters work at the Normal, in April, but his family will not remove to Mt. Pleasant until the close of the present school year. Charles McKenney resigned from Mt. Pleasant to accept the president of the Milwaukee Normal.

C. T. Grawn has been a resident of Ypsilanti but for a few months, having succeeded Supt. Simmonds at the training school's head on the opening of the present school year, but he is already very popular with Normal faculty and students and Ypsilanti citizens. He is a rising educator and his advancement to Mt. Pleasant is but one of many steps which he may be expected to take. Mr. Grawn graduated from the State Normal in 1880, was for four years superintendent of schools at Plymouth and for 15 years held a similar position at Traverse. The duty of choosing his successor has been delegated to acting president, E. A. Lyman, of the Normal, and President Elect Albert Leonard, of the Michigan Normal systems.

Mutual Generosity Leads to Peculiar Complications.

Disinterested generosity sometimes causes peculiar complications. A day or two before Christmas Manager Merrill, of the D. Y. & A. A. learned that the employees of the road were arranging to present to him and his wife on Christmas day two elegant chairs. He at once sent word to the men that he was much touched by the good will they bore him, but that he did not feel that they could afford to make him costly presents. He wished therefore that they would give up the idea of sending him a Christmas remembrance. The men paid no heed to Mr. Merrill's message, but purchased a \$25 chair and a \$10 chair and on Christmas day formally presented them. Mr. Merrill made the committee a graceful speech in which he expressed his gratitude for the gifts, but said positively that he could not accept it, and that it should again be converted into money and each of the contributors should be given back his portion. The men are considering the situation and in the meantime the chairs are at the waiting room on Washington street.

THAT FLOUR SEIZURE

First Case of the Rights of Neutrals to Come Up in the South African War.

AMERICAN FLOUR IS INVOLVED,

Twenty Thousand Barrels of It, So It Is Supposed—Statement of the Men Whose Goods Were Seized—Flour Was En Route to Johannesburg—Action Taken at Washington to Ascertain the Facts—Our Own Seizures Last Year.

New York, Dec. 29.—The three vessels whose cargoes have been interfered with by British warships at Delagoa Bay—the Beatrice, the Mashona and the Maria, the two first named being English and the third German—carried among other American products about 20,000 barrels of flour shipped by the Pennsylvania Export and Milling company, and it is believed in the absence of more definite information from the seat of the trouble that it was this shipment principally that caused the English warships to take action. Therefore the advice and opinions of specialists in international law is being sought by shippers regarding flour as a contraband of war.

Flour Was Shipped to Johannesburg. The New York agents of the milling company admitted that their entire shipment on the three steamers for Delagoa Bay was consigned to merchants in Johannesburg, although they disclaimed any knowledge of its being intended for use by the Boer government. A. J. Toomey, one of the milling company's agents, said that they were not certain whether their shipment had been seized or that the vessels had simply been warned away from Lorenzo Marques. In either case, he said, his company was left in a peculiar predicament owing to the fact that the various papers dealing with the shipment had gone by mail to Johannesburg houses and could not be recovered immediately.

Expects the British to Pay. "We have no other shipments in transit to Delagoa, fortunately," said Toomey, "and under the circumstances it is not likely that we will have." U. D. Edye, of the Flint-Edye company, which had shipments on the detained vessels, when seen made light of the whole question. "The value of our entire shipment," he said, "does not exceed \$5,000. It consisted of ordinary merchandise, mostly canned goods, and was not of much importance. We are perfectly confident that the British government, whatever disposition it makes of the goods, will pay well for them, as I don't think it will put needless obstacles in the way of American merchants.

Chief Importance of the Case. "The chief importance of this matter, of course, lies in its relation to international law. International law is not established by a union of nations, but rather in precedents established by one nation and acquiesced in by others. England may be establishing a precedent in this case, and the attitude of other nations may be watched with interest, for this case, in its international legal aspect, presents several new and important features. All we can do is to wait and wait our government's action."

GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING. But We Had a War Last Year and Made a Number of Seizures.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The ascertainment of the facts connected with the seizure of American flour by British warships off the coast of Portuguese East Africa, has been confided to the United States consular agent at Lourenço Marques. Under the instructions sent to him by Secretary Hay he will ascertain all of the facts connected with the seizure of the flour, and particularly the names of the persons to whom this flour was consigned and the actual ownership of the goods. The department of state is determined to do everything proper to maintain American rights in the matter of neutral trade in this case.

But so far the department is in absolute ignorance of many essential facts regarding the seizures and cannot proceed to make any complaint until it has made sure of its ground. To determine with accuracy all of the elements necessary to the preparation of a protest against a seizure of the kind reported, necessarily consumes much time, and the state department cannot be expected to act otherwise than in the line indicated.

During our late war with Spain, wherever a seizure was made by our warships of a merchant vessel laden with supplies intended for Spanish ports, we politely informed foreign powers which undertook to protest that they would be obliged to wait the usual and regular action of our prize courts. In one of the cases it was nearly two years before the parties claiming to be aggrieved by the seizure and detention of the ship secured a final decision of the case by the supreme court of the United States. Yet this case was simplicity itself compared with the legal problems presented in the stoppage of a British merchant ship by a British man-of-war and the search of a neutral cargo for contraband of war.

Fire Interrupts the Play. Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 29.—During the engagement of "Hogan's Alley" company at the Crescent Opera House Wednesday evening the building caught fire and for a time there was a lively time. The cry of fire came just at the close of the second act and the female members of the company were busy packing away their wardrobes. The fire was extinguished with only a small loss to the management. The audience then returned to the hall and the play continued. The fire caught from a lighted cigar which had fallen through the sidewalk.

Quarrymen Given a Bad Name. Logansport, Ind., Dec. 29.—The police have not succeeded in capturing Andrew Jones, the negro who fatally injured a fellow-workman at Kenneth quarries Christmas day. The wounded man has no family. The quarrymen at Kenneth are a hard lot and shooting games and cutting off ears are of frequent occurrence.

CLOSE OF A TRAGEDY

That of the Battleship Maine Ends on the Sacred Soil of Arlington Cemetery.

FINAL HONORS PAID TO THE DEAD

Who Lost Their Lives in the Line of Duty When the Ship Went Down in Havana Harbor—Sigsbee Is Chief of the Ceremonies at the Burial of His Old Crew—President and Cabinet Officers Attend the Solemn Exercises.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Upon the windy heights of Arlington cemetery the Maine dead, brought from Havana by the battleship Texas, yesterday were laid away in their final resting places with simple religious services and the impressive honors of war in the presence of the president, members of his cabinet, officers of the army and navy and other representatives of the government. A cabinet officer surveying the flag-draped coffins before the ceremonies began said: "The lives of those men cost Spain her colonies."

But there was no note of triumph in the grim scene yesterday. With a touch of sadness and solemn gravity the nation performed its duty to the dead, and gave its defenders a Christian burial at home in soil hallowed by patriotic dead. A soft mantle of snow covered the earth, muffling the beat of the horses' hoofs, the slow-turning carriage wheels and the tramp of soldiers and sailors as they approached the burial place.

Site a Commanding One. The site is a commanding one. In front, the broad bosom of the ice-fettered Potomac; beyond, the shaft of Washington, the dome of the Capitol and the sprawling city; to the right the choked embankments of old Fort Mifflin, and between the graves of the heroic dead of Santiago, to the left the stately mansion of Lee, and to the rear through the vistas of snow-laden pines and cedars the silent army of the patriotic dead of the civil war sleeping rank upon rank in their last bivouac.

Old Glory Over Each Casket. The caskets interred yesterday ranged row on row, over each was spread an American ensign, upon which lay a wreath of galax leaves. Around the enclosure, shoulder to shoulder, the yellow of their coat linings forming a band of color, were drawn up the cavalry of Fort Meyer; to the right was a battalion of marines from the navy yard with their spiked helmets and scarlet capes turned back; to the left, a detachment of jacks from the Texas in navy blue; in the flag-draped stand in the rear the president and his cabinet. Admiral Dewey, Major General Miles and a distinguished group of officers of the army and navy in their showy dress uniforms; while all around pressed the throng of people who had braved the snow and biting cold to pay their last tribute to the dead. Among these were many relatives and friends of those who had been lost in the disaster.

SIGSBEE IN COMMAND AGAIN. Has Charge of the Ceremonies Over the Remains of His Old Crew.

There was a tender appropriateness in the fact that Captain Sigsbee, who was in command of the Maine when she was blown up, had charged of the ceremonies in honor of his men, and that Father Childwick, who was chaplain of the Maine, was there to perform the last rites. Three others who lived through that awful night in Havana harbor were at the side of the graves of their comrades—Lieutenant Commander Vainwright, who was executive officer of the Maine, and who sank the Pluton and the Furor at Santiago; Lieutenant F. C. Bowers, who was assistant engineer of the Maine, and Jeremiah Shea, a fireman on the Maine, who was blown out of the stoke hole of the ship through the debris, escaping uninjured most miraculously.

Slowly, solemnly, the full Marine band broke the deep hush, putting forth the sad, sweet strains of the dirge "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and there were twitching of lips and wet eyes as Chaplain Clark, of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, came forward and took his place under a canvas-covered shelter in the open space in front of the dead. The Protestant services were held first, and were very simple. Chaplain Clark read the burial service of the Episcopal church and then gave way to Father Childwick, who was assisted by Revs. Holm and Brown and two purple-robed acolytes. With head bowed to the wintry blast the Maine's chaplain read a memorial service according to the rites of the Roman Catholic church, consigned the dead, blessed the ground, repeated the Lord's prayer and concluded with a fervent appeal for the repose of the souls of the departed.

A detachment of marines in command of Captain Kormony then marched to the right of the graves and fired three volleys over the dead, and in the deep stillness that followed the crash the clear, silvery notes of a bugle rang out the soldiers' and sailors' last good night—"Taps." With the sounding of taps the ceremonies ended. The president and his party and the other distinguished guests, the military and the crowds then withdrew. Before leaving Captain Sigsbee introduced Jeremiah Shea to the president.

Hall Insurance Company Closed. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 29.—The Red River Valley Mutual Hall Insurance company of Wahpeton has been closed by Insurance Commissioner Harrison, who applied to Judge Lauder for a receiver for the concern. The company's liabilities are over \$50,000 and assets \$8,000.

One Killed and Two Injured. Joliet, Ill., Dec. 29.—Andre Nelson was killed and two other employees injured at the rod mill of the Illinois Steel company Wednesday. The men were engaged in placing a heavy piece of shafting in position, when it toppled over, with the result above stated.

Death of a Veteran Lake Captain. Holland, Mich., Dec. 29.—Captain John Clous, aged 70 years, is dead. He was a lake captain for many years during the sixties and seventies. Of late years he was night watchman here.

WORRIED HIMSELF TO DEATH.

Suicide of a Milwaukee Alderman and the Cause Thereof.

Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—George Hill, alderman from the First ward and one of the twenty-five who voted to grant a ten-years' extension to the street railway, committed suicide Wednesday because of worry over the street railway matter. While he left no letter giving this as the cause, his wife and his brother-in-law, August N. Meyer, are confident this was the real reason of the suicide. His vote submitted him to severe criticism, not only from his own constituents, but from men from all parts of the city who frequented his saloon. It is said they made remarks which deeply wounded Hill, and for several days he had been growing despondent.

Speaking of the suicide Mayor Rose said: "I have known George Hill intimately for twelve years, and I regarded him as an absolutely honest man and a true, loyal friend. He was a supporter of the pending street railway ordinance from the beginning, and was perfectly conscientious in his judgment upon it. The opposition has not only been disgraceful, but in many respects cruel. Parsons and Spies were hanged in Chicago for inflammatory utterances less violent than those which have been employed in the fight against this ordinance."

BACK WITH TEN MILLIONS.

After an Absence of Thirty Years—His Promise to His Nieces.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 29.—Elwood Madden, an early resident of this city, who has not been heard of for thirty years, returned Wednesday from Cape Nome, Alaska, worth \$10,000,000. His reappearance was a glad Christmas surprise to his two sisters. He promised all his nieces who remained single until next year to take them to the Paris exposition.

They all promised except one of them, Miss Bessie Callender, who was married only the day before his return. Madden says the half has not been told of the richness of the Cape Nome district. Great nuggets of gold, he says, are found under the moss without digging. He will return at once with machinery.

Western Surgical Association.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—The Western Surgical and Gynecological Association, comprising the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa and Kansas, concluded yesterday by electing C. Beverly Campbell, of St. Joseph, Mo., president; A. C. Bernays, of St. Louis, vice president; J. R. Hollowbush, of Rock Island, Ill., second vice president, and George H. Simmons, of Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

Body Strawn Along the Tracks.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—The body of Thomas Brooks, a veteran, aged 76, was found strawn along the Nickel Plate tracks near New Haven. He had heart failure and is supposed to have fallen in a faint while going home. Four trains must have passed over his body. His son is in charge of the provost guard at Iloilo, Luzon.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 28.				
Following were the quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today:				
Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	65½	65½	65½	65½
May	69½	69½	69½	69½
July	69½	69½	69½	69½
Corn—				
December	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼
January	30¼	30¼	30¼	30¼
May	32¾	32¾	32¾	32¾
Oats—				
December	22	22	22	22
May	22½	22½	22½	22½
Pork—				
December				8.90
January	10.22½	10.22½	10.17½	10.17½
May	10.57½	10.57½	10.47½	10.47½
Lard—				
December				5.45
January	5.65	5.67½	5.62½	5.65
May	5.85	5.85	5.80	5.82½
Short ribs—				
December				5.25
January	5.35	5.37½	5.32½	5.35
May	5.55	5.57½	5.52½	5.52½
Produce—Butter—Extra creamery.				
25½c per lb; extra dairy, 22c; packing stock, 16½c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 17c per doz. Dressed poultry—Turkeys, choice, 8½c per lb; fair to good, 8c; chickens, hens, 6½c; springs, 7c; ducks, 7½c; geese, 7c. Potatoes—Fair to choice, 40c; Sweet potatoes—Illinois, \$2.50 per brl. Apples—\$1.50 per 3.00 per brl. Cranberries—Cape Cod, \$6.00 per 6.75.				

Chicago Live Stock.

Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 31,000. Sales ranged at \$3.50 to \$4.00 for pigs, \$4.00 to \$4.30 for light, \$4.05 to \$4.15 for rough packing, \$4.10 to \$4.40 for mixed and \$4.20 to \$4.40 for heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 14,000. Quotations ranged at \$6.25 to \$6.50 for choice to extra steers, \$5.50 to \$6.20 for good to choice do., \$4.80 to \$5.45 for fair to good do., \$4.10 to \$4.70 common to medium do., \$4.00 to \$4.40 butchers' steers, \$4.00 to \$6.25 fed western steers, \$3.15 to \$4.70 feeding steers, \$2.00 to \$4.25 cows, \$3.00 to \$4.85 heifers, \$2.80 to \$4.25 bulls and oxen, \$3.75 to \$4.60 stags, \$3.40 to \$4.40 Texas steers, and \$4.00 to \$7.00 veal calves. Sheep—Estimated receipts for the day, 16,000. Quotations ranged at \$3.30 to \$4.75 westerns, \$2.75 to \$4.80 natives and \$4.00 to \$6.00 lambs.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28. Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts, 2 cars; market steady to firm for good grades; others weak; veals unchanged. Hogs—Receipts, 20 cars; market slow and generally 15c to 20c lower; best Yorkers, \$4.40 to \$4.45; light, \$4.35 to \$4.40; mixed packers, \$4.45 to \$4.50; best weights, \$4.50; pigs, \$4.35 to \$4.40; roughs, \$3.90 to \$4.05. Sheep—Receipts, 30 cars; market dull and lower for both sheep and lambs; top lambs, \$5.75 to \$5.90; culls to good, \$4.25 to \$5.65; mixed sheep, \$3.85 to \$4.10; culls to good, \$2.25 to \$3.75; wethers and yearlings, \$4.25 to \$4.65.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Dec. 28. Wheat—Lower; No. 2 red cash elevator, 69c; track, 71½c to 72c; December, 68½c; May, 71c; July, 68½c; No. 2 hard, 65c to 66c. Corn—Easy; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 31c to 31½c; December, 30½c; May, 31½c to 32c. Oats—Lower; No. 2 cash, 23½c; track, 24c to 24½c; December, 23½c; May, 24½c; No. 2 white, 25½c to 26c. Rye—Steady; 53c.

Milwaukee Grain.

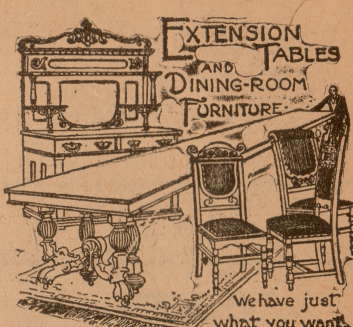
Milwaukee, Dec. 28. Wheat—Lower; No. 1 northern, 66½c to 67c; No. 2 northern, 64c. Rye—Lower; No. 1, 55c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 44c; sample, 37c to 44c. Oats—Lower; No. 2 white, 25c.

Detroit Grain.

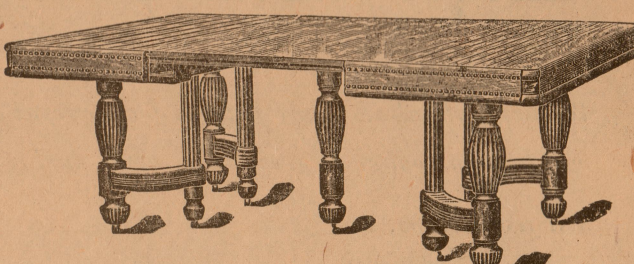
Detroit, Dec. 28. Wheat—White cash, 70½c; red, 70½c to 71c; December, 70½c; May, 73½c. Corn—Cash, 32c. Oats—White, 26½c. Rye—57c.

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Should be the most cheerful room in the house—we want to help make it so—and think we can succeed as far as the furnishings are concerned. Our stock of Dining Furniture was never so complete as now. Here are some prices:

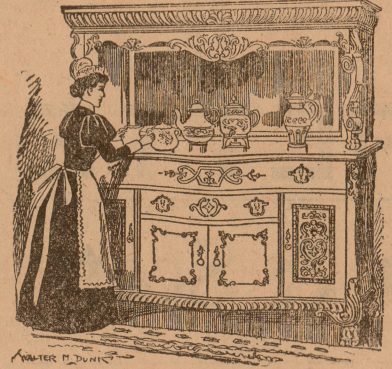


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Solid Oak, carved legs, finely finished top, at 6.00
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DINING CHAIRS.

We have chairs to match all of our sideboards, cane seated, carved backs, solid and substantial at \$4 to \$6 per set of six. Cane seat, splendid finish, several styles, at \$5 per set. We have also a line of seats, braced back, neatly carved, \$8 per set. We have also a line of box leather seat, and heavy quartered oak chairs, both side and arm.

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A Happy New Year to You.

We will have a few Handkerchiefs left, display goods that are soiled somewhat. They won't do to go back in stock because they are soiled. We've got to sell them quick.

5c Handkerchiefs for 4c, 10 cent ones for 7c, 15 c ones for 11c, and 25c ones for 19c.

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We have received a new invoice of the

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That before the Holidays were in such demand. As our stock was then all cleaned up we can now show you

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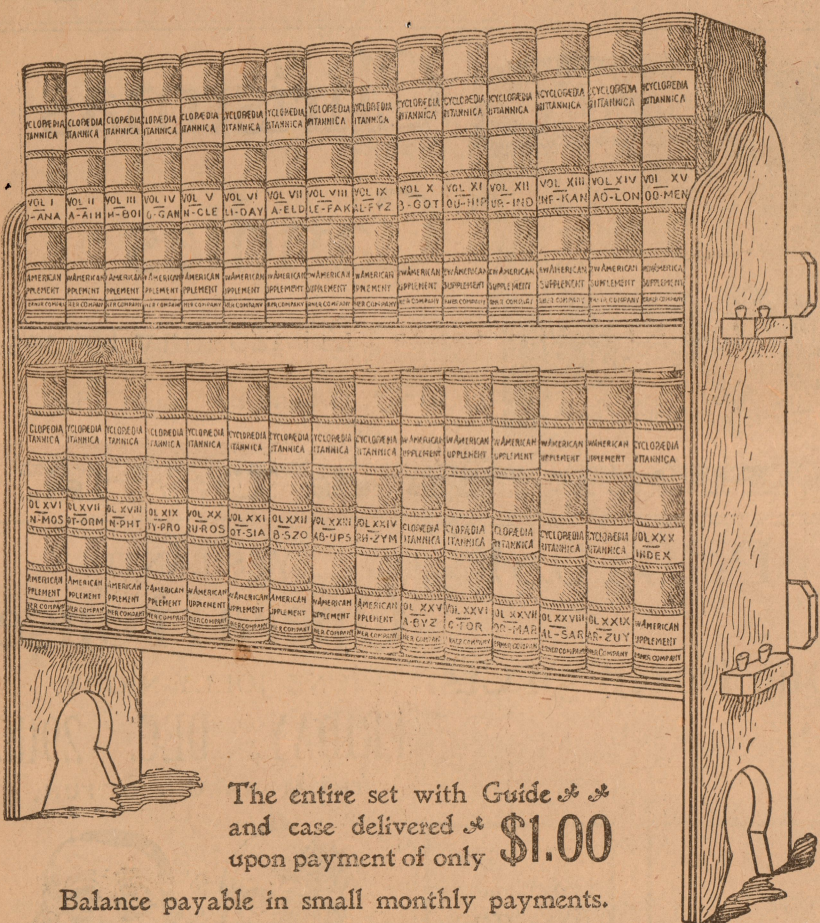
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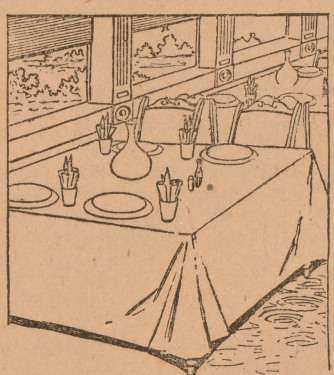
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Local News.

Duane Spalsbury spent the day in Detroit.

"Maloney's Wedding" at the opera house this evening.

A. J. Young is spending a few days with friends in Ray, Mich.

The dry goods stores of Ypsilanti will be closed all day New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Miles are spending a few days with friends in Howell.

A. W. Seymour is entertaining Clyde Hoover, of Jackson, for a few days.

The Merry Times pedro club meet this evening with Mrs. Haas, of Pearson street.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Bingham, of Detroit, spent Xmas with Alderman Frank Worden.

Mrs. S. R. Packard, of Summit St., is entertaining Mr. George Smock, of Belleville.

William Right, of Detroit, has been spending a few days with friends in this city.

The Misses Nellie and Emma Sherwood of Pittsfield, are the guests of friends in the city.

Fred Nelson, of Niles, a former Cleary College student, is the guest of old friends in the city.

The New State Telephone directories have been printed and will be distributed to-morrow.

Bert Comstock leaves this evening for Chicago where he will spend New Years with friends.

John Harris, of Fort Hope, a former Normalite, is spending the holidays with Ypsilanti friends.

Miss Myrtle Elliott has returned to her home in Detroit after a short visit with Mrs. W. A. Smith.

There will be a watch-night service at the Salvation Army hall Sunday evening, to which all are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eastlake, of Kingsville, Ont., are visiting their daughter in this city, Mrs. E. H. Lamb.

Ransom George, of Detroit, is spending the holidays with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. Austin George, of Normal street.

The Ypsilanti postoffice will be open Monday, January 1, 1900 from 8 to 10 a. m. only. No street delivery by carriers.

The marriage of Miss Carra E. Bibbins, daughter of supervisor S. S. Bibbins, of Augusta township, and Arthur Simpson, of this city, was solemnized at Milan yesterday.

Frank Brady and August Klic, two representatives of the genus hobbo, were sentenced to twenty days in the county jail for being drunk and disorderly on the street.

The report comes from the Salvation Army that at their Christmas dinner 178 persons were fed and twelve baskets of food taken to the homes of other needy persons.

During the past year there have been 830 mortgages discharged in this county. It is rather difficult to ascertain how many new ones have been recorded, on account of their being scattered through several books.

The following telegram was received by the Ypsilanti opera house management: "Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 25th. Managers opera house. Maloney's Wedding packed house tonight. Splendid Show."

CAYAN & MCGRAFT,
Mrgs. Muskegon Opera House.

Ten of the D. Y. & A. A. employees will be given each a turkey and a can of oysters by the company as a New Year's present, they having been overlooked in the distribution of turkeys and cans of oysters on Christmas. The company distributed 130 turkeys, with accompanying oysters, on the 25th, so with the ten employees to be provided for on Monday the number will be brought up to 140.

This morning saw the departure of the last of the guests who have been enlivening the home of R. C. Worris at 505 Emmet street, this Christmaside. The occasion was the reunion of the members of the family and among those present were the following: Mrs. Spalding, of Reed City; J. A. Phillips and Miss Nellie Carter, of Jackson; A. H. Phillips and daughters Affa and Sarah, of Armada, and Mrs. N. W. Glasbie, of Bay City.

The Sunday schools of the Episcopal Presbyterian and Methodist churches held their annual Christmas exercises last evening. At St. Luke's church the evening's program was services in the church and a Christmas tree at the parish house, in the Methodist church the children enjoyed a supper in the parlors and then adjourned to the audience room for a literary and musical program and at the Presbyterian church the children were given a supper and a tree.

Chapter 102 A. I. U. was organized in A. O. U. hall last evening, and the following officers were elected:

President—Fred W. Green.
Vice-President—Eugene M. Sweet.

Secretary—H. C. Gilmore.
Collector—Duane Spalsbury.

Treasurer—Bert C. Goodell.
Chaplain—C. E. Holley.

Past Pres—Willis E. Scott.
Editor—A. W. Munro.

Marshal—Fred O. Smith.
Custodian—A. L. Krumpke.

Warden—Robert Yost.
Argbi—Chas. D. Campbell.

Trustees—C. M. Warner, Edward F. Parker, H. C. Ammerman.

Chapter 102, A. I. U. have received an invitation to attend a smoker, to be given by the Ann Arbor Chapter, the second week in January.

Misses Edith and Sarah Worts have returned from attending the wedding of Miss Carrie Bibbins and Arthur Simpson, which was celebrated at the home of the bride, two miles south of Whittaker, yesterday. About 120 guests were present and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. The bride is a daughter of Samuel S. Bibbins, well known in Augusta, while the groom is a resident of Ypsilanti.

NEW LETTERING ON THE CARS.

It is Received With Favor And
All The Cars Will be Newly
Lettered.

Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Wayne, and Dearborn. Will be Painted on Every Car in a Few Weeks.

Manager Merritt of the D. Y. & A. A. states that the lettering on the repainted D. Y. & A. A. car—"Ypsilanti, Dearborn, Wayne & Ann Arbor" is being received with favor by both officials and patrons of the road, and that the change will in all probability be extended to the rest of the cars. Car 12 is already in the paintshop; car 9 will be there in a few days and when these two are again ready for service Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be sent in. It will require several months to repaint and re-letter this lot, and by that time the remaining cars on the road will probably be ready for the shop.

Manager Merrill states that a pressing need of the Saline branch is a light combination passenger and freight car. To carry the heavy car now in service up the steep grades on the Saline line, an expenditure of power is necessary which is hardly commensurate with the business of the road. If a new car is secured the one now in use will be transferred again to the main line. The number of large cars on the D. Y. & A. A. is twenty, and Mr. Merrill states that additions will need to be made in the near future.

STATE TEACHERS' MEETING.

It Ended With Resolutions of
Congratulation And Free
Text Books.

The Speakers Urge The Legislature
to Foster Normal Schools And Aid
in Furnishing Good Teachers.

LANSING, Mich., Special Telegram, Dec. 28.—The State Teachers' association included its annual meeting. Edward G. Ward, superintendent of the Brooklyn, N. Y., schools read a paper on the "National method of teaching reading," and Perry F. Powers of Cadillac and ex-Mayor John F. Crotty of this city made stirring addresses on "The schools and citizenship." The concluding paper was by R. D. Calkins of Ypsilanti, who talked of "The modern geography."

At the business sessions resolutions were adopted expressing thanks to the various individuals and societies who contributed to the success of this meeting, providing that one session of next year's meeting, which will be held at Grand Rapids, shall be devoted to semi-centennial exercises, expressing regret at the contemplated removal of President McKenny to Wisconsin, and concluding as follows:

"Resolved. That we congratulate the people of the state on the continued growth and ever widening influence of our higher educational institutions, the university, colleges and Michigan system of normal schools, and urge upon the legislature that in every legitimate way they foster such institutions as the best means of providing strong and competent teachers for our common schools.

Resolved. That we express our judgment in opposition to state uniformity, but in hearty support of the system of free text books as most successful and economical and the surest way of securing the universal education of children of school age.

TRIED TO BURN THE NORMAL.

Clifford Earl Will Appear before
Judge Kinne for Trying to
Burn Our College.

The Deed Was Done Out of Malicious
Anger Because He Had Lost
His Job as Blow Boy.

Clifford Earl, a 14 year old boy from this city will be brought before Judge Kinne of the circuit court on the charge of feloniously, maliciously and wilfully attempting to burn the State Normal College building, and to this serious accusation he will make answer, "guilty."

On the 11th day of November Rex Buell, a student of the Normal Conservatory, stepped into the Normal chapel about the hour of noon for the purpose of practicing on the Normal pipe organ. He noticed at once the gleam of fire from behind the organ, and hastening to the spot discovered that the rear of the instrument was in flames. With great presence of mind Mr. Buell rushed to the stationary hose near the organ, turned the water on and unaided extinguished the fire. Had Mr. Buell failed to appear on the scene or had he been less cool headed the main building of the Normal would in all probability have been destroyed by fire, as the flames were rapidly communicating themselves to the woodwork of the organ and were working up toward the chapel ceiling. The organ stands directly under the large dome of the building and had the fire made its way to this place the whole structure would have been doomed. If Mr. Buell had been delayed for even a few moments longer the expensive organ would have been ruined, which would have meant a great loss to the institution. When the excitement attending the extinguishing of the flames had allayed itself thought naturally turned to the probable cause of the happening. It could be easily seen that the fire had its origin in and around the back portion of the instrument and very near the floor. Half burned pamphlets were scattered about the space between the organ and the rear wall of the chapel and Mr. Buell stated that when he had turned the stream of water upon the blaze they were in a loose heap about two or three of the pipes and were burning vigorously. A wooden stool was tipped against the organ, and there were other indications that incendiaries had been at work.

On investigation it was found that three lads, Clifford Earl, Dode Bell and Robby had been seen to come from the direction of the chapel a short time before the fire had been discovered. The three boys, whose ages were respectively 14, 12 and 10 years, were brought before President Lyman and city police officials, but they denied any knowledge of the affair. They confessed that they had been doing nothing worse than reading dime novels, and that when they left there were no signs of fire. It developed that as the trio were descending the stairs and the lower floor of the building, the oldest, Clifford Earl, had returned to the chapel for the ostensible purpose of getting his gloves, which he had left near the organ. Earl swore up and down and with the most earnest and innocent countenance, that he had not even thought of causing a fire and that he had not seen the slightest signs of any such accident as long as he had been in the hall. Earl had of course suspected to be the author of the conflagration, but proof could not be obtained against him, so no proceedings were instituted.

The officers and college authorities kept their ears open, and at last word came to them that Earl had acknowledged his guilt to a boy companion. The lad was hunted up and after considerable coaxing at last admitted that Earl had indeed owned up to having been the author of the fire. Earl was again given a star chamber quiz, but he continued steadfast in his protestations of innocence, declaring that his friend had been falsifying. Deputy P. W. Ross at last took Earl in hand and in ten minutes time had accomplished what the lad's parents, the college authorities and the police force had failed to do—namely draw from him a complete confession.

Earl stated that he had heaped a pile of papers about the rear pipes of the organ and had set fire to them with matches. He planned the deed of mischief while he was in the chapel reading novels to Bell and Robby and on the way down stairs had made the excuse of going back to look for his gloves. When he left the two boys he hurried to the organ, gathered up loose papers, set fire to them and then in haste rejoined his companions with the gloves in his hand. He states positively that Bell and Robby were neither of them in any way concerned in the deed and that they did not even then know how and by whom the fire had been started.

When asked why he had done so wilful and wicked a thing Earl at first said he "didn't know;" but afterwards admitted that it was in a fit of anger at the college authorities for having attached an electric motor to the organ bellows and thus having deprived him of a position as blow boy. Earl has the dime novel craze and is described as a wilful, ungovernable boy.

Officer Ross drew the confession from Earl by a clever ruse. He opened the conversation with the statement, "Of course I know your part in the fire, but now I want you to tell me about the other two boys. What did they do? Did they help you?"

Earl protested in earnest tones that he hadn't started the fire himself and that he didn't know who had, either; when Ross interrupted, "see here, my boy, you forget that little window which looks into the space back of the organ from the other room. You needn't try to tell any foolish stories to me, for you were seen from the moment you came on the stage until you left after starting the fire."

The lad was thrown off his guard, broke down and confessed everything. Ross had taken the precaution to have a witness in the room, so there was nothing for Earl to do but repeat his confession to his parents and the college authorities.

A Business Man.

There's a little old brick tavern
Not a mile or more from town;
A stranger came to run it;
And the starngers name wa'n't Brown.

How he came to be the landlord,
We haven't time to tell.
All we've heard of is his fixins,
And they say it's just dead swell.

When he opened up the business
Things was borderin on the bum;
So he hustled with his hustler,
Till the trade began to come.

He dined the saints and sinners
With the gusto of a king.
And he paid a hundred dollars
For a thing to talk and sing.

He overhauled the building
Soon after he began;
And he made the overhauling
Fit the modern tastes of man.

He had a steady Plugger,
Who was handy with his Plug,
A coddin out the fellow
With an Easy-lookin mug.

He no doubt can run his business,
And do competition brown.
But he'd better peddle papers,
When he tries to run a town.

For all the lads and lassies
Who are worldly in their way,
Have vowed to take their lunches
In another place, they say.

So Mister man, be careful,
Ere it becomes too late;
Or we will have to ship you;
And you'll have to pay the freight.

THE WINTER POET.

MARKET REPORTS.

The following range in prices today in the Chicago grain market is reported for The Telegram by the Hawkins' House brokers' office, over the Imperial Stock & Grain Co's wire:

	open	high	low	close
Wheat—				
May	69½	69½	69½	69½
July	69½	69½	69½	69½
Corn—				
May	32½	32½	32½	32½
Oats—				
May	23½	23½	23½	23½
Pork—				
Jan.	10.17	10.17	10.12	10.12
May	555	555	542	547
Lard—				
Jan.	567	567	562	567
May	585	582	580	582
Ribs—				
Jan.	532	535	532	535
May	555	557	552	555
Liverpool: 12:30 p. m.: Wheat ½ higher				
Liverpool: 1:30 p. m.: Wheat ½ higher				
Com. ½ higher.				
London: 1:30 p. m. Wheat Cargoes firm: Options ½ higher.				

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Geo. W. Hayes

Cash Grocer.

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MONEY GONE ASTRAY.

A Big Suit Will be The Outcome of Mismanagement.

\$30,000 to be Accounted For by The Defendant. And He Must Account For it Next Month.

Says a local paper: The fight over the Ellis estate is becoming fiercer and fiercer. The estate is valued at something over \$200,000. Mr. Gruner and Mrs. Ellis are executors, but Mr. Gruner has had control of the funds. Mrs. Ellis is entitled to one-third and the remaining two-thirds is to go to the sons Hudson and Bert Ellis. By the terms of the will, each was to get one-half of their share as soon as he became 25 and the balance when they reached 30 years of age. No settlement has been made with Hudson Ellis, although he is over 30 years of age and, as was stated in last night's Argus, Bert Ellis has demanded that portion which is his on his attaining the age of 30 years.

Some few months ago executor Gruner filed his annual report and the heirs objected to it, claiming that there was a shrinkage of over \$30,000. Mr. Gruner claims that if any such facts exist, it was due to the mismanagement of Myron French, of West Branch, who was entrusted with some funds by consent of the heirs.

The heirs, however, seek to hold Mr. Gruner for the amount.

Today was the day set for hearing the objections to the annual account.

Attorneys Lawrence & Butterfield asked for a continuance until Feb. 2, on the ground that they could not get Mr. French's testimony, he having been charged with obtaining money under false pretenses at West Branch and subpoenaing him to come here would be impossible.

Attorneys Brown, Babbitt and Abbott argued strenuously to have the hearing set for the middle of January.

"This case has been dragging along for six months," said Mr. Brown, "and we want to get it disposed of."

Mr. Butterfield—Mr. Gruner is just as anxious as anybody else to have it tried.

Mr. Brown—These young men want their money.

Mr. Butterfield—They are not suffering, I guess.

Mr. Brown—No, but the money is theirs—it is not Mr. Gruner's. We offered yesterday to give a bond to Mr. Gruner and which would be signed by all the heirs which would relieve him of all responsibility of any money he would turn over to us. We want the property. It is ours.

Mr. Butterfield—One-half of the property is under the control now of Mrs. Ellis.

Mr. Brown—That's false—every word of it. Mrs. Ellis has not got one dollar of it in her hands.

Mr. Butterfield—Well, its as true a statement as you have made.

Judge Newkirk finally told the attorneys that they must get their testimony ready and begin the trial on Jan. 2 and that it would take an extraordinary good excuse to cause another adjournment.

It is estimated that the trial will take two weeks in the probate court, and whichever side loses will carry it to the circuit court and from there to the supreme court.

FORTUNATE KEY.

A New Process That Will Bring Millions to The Inventor.

Says an Ann Arbor paper: City Engineer George Key recently devised a process for making steel direct from iron ore without going through the intermediate process such as is used by Bessemer people.

Anything that will lessen the cost of the manufacture of steel means an immense fortune to the inventor, as steel is so extensively used.

It is understood that Mr. Key's process consists of allowing the melted iron to pour over a fall and then forcing jets of steam through it as it falls. This burns out the carbon.

To get a good quality of steel in this process requires a great degree of heat. It was tried in Detroit and could not be obtained. Yesterday it was attempted at the engineering laboratory and Robert Winslow produced such a heat that the malleable cast steel came out a big success.

It may be that Mr. Key has a big fortune within his grasp.

COACH TALK.

Baird Denies That Hildebrand Has Been Engaged.

The rumor is current that Hildebrand, the Princeton tackle, will be Michigan's important coach for next year. Manager Baird was asked in regard to it. Said he: "We have had no correspondence with Mr. Hildebrand whatever, and nothing has been done in the matter of coaches at all."

Mr. Baird was informed that there is a story afloat in Chicago to the effect that Michigan will protest Capt. Maloney of the University of Chicago track team.

Said he: "We are not protesting anybody. We have no athletic relations with the University of Chicago and we can't very well protest a man who belongs to a college with whom we have no relations."

DIXBORO.

Geo. Shuart, wife and daughter spent Christmas at Ransom Shuarts.

The Christmas exercises at the M. E. church were very pleasing, and interesting.

The W. F. M. S. will meet at the parsonage next Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Johnson and Mrs. A. Gee left last Saturday for Inlay City, and other points there about.

Among the many Christmas guests in Dixboro were Hon. Emery Townsend of Saginaw and Arthur H. Covert of Detroit.

Wedding bells rang merrily at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Martin, Christmas night, when their daughter Miss Anna, became the wife, of Mr. William W. Amerman of Detroit. It was a pretty evening, and it was a merry party of about forty persons who witnessed the ceremony performed by Rev. Howard A. Field of Dixboro. The ring service of the Methodist Episcopal church was used, and after numerous congratulations the party sat down to a bountiful supper. The wedding march was executed by Mrs. Howard A. Field. Both bride and groom were neatly and becomingly attired. The bride is a product of Superior township where she was born and has matured into womanhood. She is one whose love and friendship is of a valuable type and will be greatly missed in the home and society. Mr. Amerman is a son of Wm. Warren Amerman who resides about five miles south and east of Ypsilanti and is one who is most highly respected. The young couple will reside in Detroit where Mr. Amerman has a good milk route. Late in the evening, amid frequent showers of rice, Mr. and Mrs. Amerman left for their new home in Detroit.

Fighting the Pullman Merger.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Truman A. Tylor, of Alton, Ill., a stockholder in the Pullman company, has filed a bill in the circuit court objecting to the proposed merging of the Wagner Palace Car company into the Pullman company, on the ground that it creates a trust in the sleeping and parlor car business.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.

Ex-President Cleveland has been laid up with rheumatic gout and is rapidly recovering.

There were forty-three fire alarms at Chicago in the twenty-four hours ended yesterday morning.

An output of 13,500,000 gross tons of iron ore is to be credited to the Lake Superior region for the year 1899.

Stephen Pease, 63 years old, committed suicide at Chicago by cutting the arteries of both arms and bleeding to death.

Jennie Glass, a 16-year-old North Evanston, Ill., girl, was arrested on a charge of forging a check for \$4.50 and spending the money to buy Christmas presents.

Four cubs have been born to Flora, the big lioness in the Lincoln park, Chicago, zoo.

San Francisco citizens have voted to bond the city in the sum of \$4,550,000 for park purposes.

Daniel Keefe, of Morrison, Brown county, Wis., caught his hand in a feed cutter, and his arm was ground to a pulp before the machine could be stopped.

The Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance company, of Lincoln, Neb., has been admitted to do business in Wisconsin.

Robert Wileox, of Honolulu, husband of Princess Kaohelahani, is at Washington, where he intends to complain against the order of things in the Hawaiian islands.

After offering a drink of carbolic acid as medicine to a sick friend, John J. Gorman swallowed the poison himself and died.

Coolies from Japan have introduced the bubonic plague into Hawaii.

Harry Escombe, former premier of Natal, South Africa, died suddenly on the street at Durban yesterday afternoon.

An American company with \$30,000,000 capital has been incorporated in New Jersey to complete the Panama canal.

Isnpeming, Mich., Dec. 28.—The Lake Superior and Ishpeming railway will extend its line west to L'Anse au Keweenaw bay and possibly to the Copper district. Surveying parties will take the field next week.

His Toy Cannon Exploded.

English, Ind., Dec. 28.—Eddie Mosman, of Marietta, while celebrating Christmas by firing a toy gun cannon, was permanently disfigured, the cannon exploding and the fragments striking him in the face.

LOVE FINDS A WAY.

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"They were—they are," he amended slowly "of no value to any one. Thomas would not be one dollar the wealthier for the finding of them."

A silence fell between father and daughter. The sick man seemed to fall into a sudden doze. Olivia brought a light chair and seated herself as close as possible to his side.

The clock struck half past 11. Reuben was to come on watch at midnight. She twined her small, cool fingers about the sinewy wrist that lay nearest to her and found its pulse. The moments passed on. She waited. For what?

The ticking of the clock on the mantelshelf and the beating of her own heart seemed equally loud. A low muttering from the sick man's sunken lips made her bend her ear quickly. Every syllable that fell from his lips now was a thing to be hoarded. In a state of semiconsciousness Horace Matthews was doing battle with his conscience for the last time.

"It was for her sake, for my tender little child's sake. Good Lord, forgive me! She could not battle with the world in poverty, only a helpless, weak girl. He is strong; he is young; he is ambitious. It will all work out right for him. He will carve out a name and a fortune for himself. But—but—I am going to meet them. I am going to see Lucetta, Rufus, all of them. What shall I say? What can I tell them? Unfaithful friend, false steward, sinful man—I hear them crying it in chorus. Thomas, forgive me! Lucetta, don't turn your dear face away from me! Rufus, friend of my boyhood."

He opened his eyes with a start. His first fully conscious gaze fell upon Olivia's face. Its drawn, frightened look startled him. He grasped her wrist with a force that pained her.

"I have been dozing. Did I talk in my sleep? Did I say anything silly, as sleep talkers always do?"

"You talked a little, father, just a little. There, dear. Don't stare at me so. You look as if you were angry with me. It is only I, father, your loving little daughter. There is no one else here, no one at all."

"I know, I know—only you, poor little lonely girl; only you, my precious one."

She answered him with a pathetic little boast.

"Oh, I could have half the town if I wanted to! Everybody has been begging to help nurse you. Everybody holds you in such high esteem, dearest. But we don't want them."

"But we don't want them," he echoed dully. "No, we don't want them. It won't last very much longer, my child. I am just waiting to see Thomas, and then I will go."

"Father, father, have you no thought for me?" The wail escaped her unguarded lips with piercing shrillness.

"No thought for you? God forgive me, Olivia, there has been room in my brain for no one but you. For you, and you alone, I have lived, I have labored and—his voice dropped to a tired whisper—"yes, sinned."

"Sinned? Father, take that one word back. I know you do not mean it. Take it back in pity for me. Don't leave it to me as a horrible puzzle. It will torture me all the rest of my days. Death is not the very worst that can befall us, father. Leave me the reverence for you that has gilded all my young life, father. I know you have loved me too well. Perhaps in your tenderness for me you waxed careless of others' interests. That was all, papa. I am sure that was all."

She was on her knees by the bed. Her slight frame was quivering under the storm of emotions no longer under her control. The dying man laid his hand on her bowed head. When he spoke, his voice was calm and solemn, but very weak.

"True, child, death is not the worst that can befall. I have confessed everything to my Maker. I had meant to confess to Thomas, but my strength ebbs fast. I doubt if I shall be here when he comes. The temptation to secure your future against the possibility of want was too mighty for me, Olivia. My idolatrous love for you turned my boasted strength into weakness. Opportunity was my undoing."

"I will make restitution, father. He shall have everything."

"And blacken my name in the grave? Restitution lies in one direction only. At least my failing senses can point out no other course. You alone can right the great wrong I have done Rufus' son."

"I, father?"

"Don't speak. Listen to me. Would you help me undo what I have done for your sake?"

She shivered as if an ague had seized her, but her gaze never left his face.

"You know I would, father! Oh, you know there is nothing I would not do for your dear sake!"

"A few weeks ago I could not have humbled myself before my own innocent child as I am doing now, my dear, but when the shores of eternity seem actually in sight the mortal vision broadens, and we can slough all that is mortal of us with contemptuous pity for its infirmities, its temptations and its mistakes. I have been an unfaithful guardian to Thomas Broxton. You can make the losses I have brought

upon him as nothing, weighed in the balances against his happiness."

A perplexed look came into the wide eyes fixed upon his face. "I, father?"

"You, and you alone, can turn a curse into a benediction."

Again that pathetic "I, father? Oh, tell me how!"

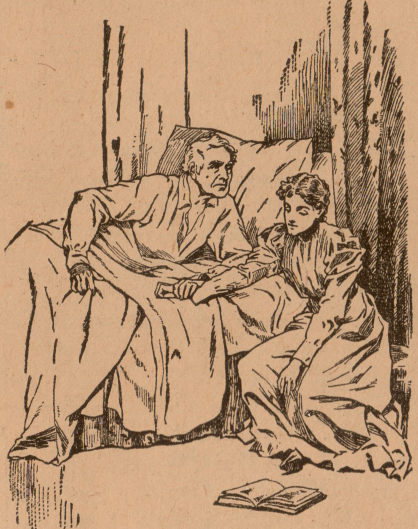
"Marry Thomas Broxton. He loves you. You know that he does."

"But I do not love him, father?"

"Marry—Thomas—Broxton."

"Father, have you forgotten Clarence, forgotten that I betrothed myself to him with your full consent? I belong to Clarence Westover, father, and I love him."

A grayish pallor was creeping over the sick man's pinched features. She did not know that it was death. She



"Only you, poor little lonely girl."

had never before stood in the presence of the grim conqueror. Her father's voice was lifted to a clear high note in a supreme effort to impose his will upon her:

"Marry Thomas Broxton! I command it!"

A cold current of air swept across the bed. Olivia rose quickly to close the door by which it had entered. Another hand drew it softly shut from the other side. She turned toward the bed to enter her final protest against this monstrous invasion of her rights.

"But, father, would you want me to live my life out a stupendous falsehood?"

The unseeing eyes stared straight beyond her; the tired lips fluttered and drooped; a heavy sigh, stillness—Horace Matthews was done with beseeching, done with commanding.

In a piercing cry she called his name aloud and again. It brought to the chamber of death Reuben, Dr. Govan, who had just arrived; Clarence Westover, who had been waiting and watching in the distant drawing room, and—Thomas Broxton.

It was toward the latter that Reuben turned his eyes anxiously.

"Oh, Mr. Thomas, if you'd only got here a hour earlier! It's your fate to be always too late."

"It is my fate, Reuben, as you say, so we won't quarrel with it," Broxton answered quietly and turned to question Dr. Govan.

CHAPTER XVII.

THE RETURN OF THE KING.

Mandeville was not so well supplied with roads as historic Rome, to which all roads lead. Only one led to and from Mandeville. One might indulge his individual preferences in the matter of a route after leaving that secluded spot some 50 miles in the rear; but, whatever his final destination, the wayfarer must make his start from a modest little depot labeled "Loop and Twine R. R." on the outskirts of the town. Clarence Westover recalled this necessity with some satisfaction as he jumped into his smart little cart and urged his horse toward the depot at its best speed.

Having failed to find Thomas Broxton either at the Commercial Men's home, Dr. Govan's or Miss Malvina Spillman's, he proposed heading him off at the station. He flung the reins to his man and jumped out of his cart just as Thomas, dusty of foot and heavy of heart, mounted the platform steps with bag in hand. He advanced with cordially extended hand.

"I'm awfully glad I'm in time, Broxton. You came very near giving me the slip."

Thomas met the extended hand with perfunctory politeness. He wished he could feel more cordial toward Olivia's lover, but deep wounds need time for their healing.

Westover was distinctly aware of this wordless antagonism. He rather suspected he should have felt quite as sour and behaved even more churlishly if matters were reversed, but at this particular juncture he could not afford to resent Tom's aloofness. He had pursued him with a definite object in view.

"You see," he said easily, falling into step and going with Tom toward the waiting room, "I want to talk to you about a matter of interest to both of us. I don't want to lose sight of you just yet. Can't I induce you to spend the night with me?" He stopped and reddened. It occurred to him that the last of the Broxtons would not care to

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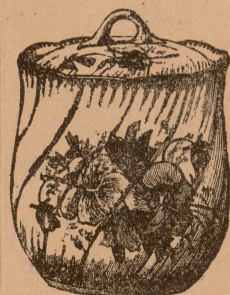
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